



**March 12, 2024
MINUTES**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Launer- via Zoom, Nerio-Guerrero, Prado, Reynosa, Thusu

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

None.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alaniz, Avila, Chastain, Hurtado, Iriarte, James, Lew, Montejano, Patlan, Solis, Watts

1. Work Session - 6:00 PM

- 1.1.** Informational presentation of proposed 120-unit multifamily project on 5.75 acres of land on Surabian Drive, West of Alta Ave. (KSch)

Mayor Reynosa opened the Work Session at 6:00 p.m.

Karl Schoettler, City Planning Consultant presented information on a proposed 120-unit multifamily development complex on 5.75 acres on Surabian Drive West of Alta Avenue. Schoettler advised that this is an informational session before it formally goes to the Planning Commission.

Mayor Reynosa closed the Work Session at 6:16 p.m.

2. OPENING CEREMONIES

- 2.1.** Welcome and Call to Order

Mayor Reynosa called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

- 2.2.** Invocation

The invocation was led by Chaplain Garcia.

- 2.3.** Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was led by Council Member Thusu .

3. AGENDA CHANGES OR DELETIONS

To better accommodate members of the public or convenience in the order of presentation, items on the agenda may not be presented or acted upon in the order listed. Additions to Agenda may be added only pursuant to California Government Code section 54954.2(b).

Agenda changes include the continuation of Item 12.1, Closed Session, and the cancellation of Item 4.1, the Recognition of Retired Grounds Maintenance Worker II.

4. PRESENTATIONS/CEREMONIAL MATTERS

4.1. Recognition of Retired Grounds Maintenance Worker II, Joe Bueno (SH)

The item was removed.

5. REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

This portion of the meeting is reserved for any person who would like to address the Council on any item that is not on the agenda. Please be advised that State law does not allow the City Council to discuss or take any action on any issue not on the agenda. The City Council may direct staff to follow up on such item(s). Speakers are limited to three (3) minutes. If there is any person wishing to address the City Council at this time please approach the podium and state your name and nature of the request.

George Stallus approached the podium to ask the City Council to reconsider the roundabout project at Alta and Kamm. Stallus is concerned about children's safety and asked the Council to reevaluate the roundabout project.

Patricia Aguilar approached the podium to ask the Council to consider a pedestrian bridge over the Alta and Kamm roundabout. Aguilar reported that she has begun a petition that opposes the roundabout.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, a member of the audience or a Council Member may request an item be removed from the Consent Calendar and it will be considered separately.

6.1. SUBJECT

Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes (MA)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to review and approve the City Council meeting of February 27, 2024 as presented.

6.2. SUBJECT

Resolution No. 2024-15 Authorizing and Designating the City Manager, Public Works Director to Execute a Funding Agreement for the Dinuba Wellfield Groundwater Quality Improvement and Sustainability Project (GA)

RECOMMENDATION

Council adopt Resolution No. 2024-15 authorizing and designating the City Manager, Public Works Director or their designee to enter into a funding agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board as a condition of the \$10,611,819 grant awarded for the Dinuba Wellfield Groundwater Quality Improvement and Sustainability Project.

6.3. SUBJECT

Resolution No. 2024-16 Approving Amendments to the Fixed Asset Policy (KS)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to adopt Resolution No. 2024-16 approving amendments to the City's Fixed Asset Policy.

6.4. SUBJECT

Notice of Completion - FY 22/23 Street Reconstruction Project (JW)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to accept the FY 22/23 Street Reconstruction Project as complete and authorize the City Engineer to file a Notice of Completion with the Tulare County Recorder's Office.

A motion was made by Council Member Thusu, second by Council Member Prado , to review and approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

Ayes: Launer, Nerio-Guerrero, Prado , Reynosa, Thusu

7. WARRANT REGISTER

7.1. SUBJECT

Warrant Register March 1 & March 8, 2024 (KS)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to review and approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

A motion was made by Council Member Prado , second by Vice Mayor Nerio-Guerrero, to review and approve the Warrant Register as presented.

Ayes: Launer, Nerio-Guerrero, Prado , Reynosa, Thusu

8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

8.1. SUBJECT

Mid-Year Budget Report and Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 (KS)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to take the following action by one motion:

1. Accept the Fiscal Year 2023/24 Mid-Year Financial Report; and,
2. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-14 approving budget amendments for Fiscal Year 2023/24.

Administrative Services Director Solis presented the Mid-Year Budget Report and Budget Amendments for the fiscal year 2023/2024, period ending

12/31/2023. Solis reported that all revenues and expenditures are on target.

A motion was made by Council Member Thusu, second by Vice Mayor Nerio-Guerrero, to accept the Fiscal Year 2023/24 Mid-Year Financial Report and adopt Resolution No. 2024-14 approving budget amendments for Fiscal Year 2023/24.

Ayes: Launer, Nerio-Guerrero, Prado , Reynosa, Thusu

8.2. SUBJECT

Authorization to Purchase Playground Equipment and other Amenities for Viscaya Park Improvements Project (JW)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to authorize the Parks & Community Services Director to purchase playground equipment and other amenities for the Viscaya Park Improvements Project.

City Engineer Watts reported that the city received two grants, the Urban Greening Grant and the Land and Water Conservation Fund a total of \$5.2 million to develop a neighborhood park. Watts reported that to ensure that the playground equipment arrives on time, staff is requesting authorization to begin purchasing equipment through a purchasing cooperative.

Patlan recognized Hurtado and Watts for their hard work in getting this project underway.

A motion was made by Council Member Thusu, second by Council Member Prado , to authorize the Parks & Community Services Director to purchase playground equipment and other amenities for the Viscaya Park Improvements Project.

Ayes: Launer, Nerio-Guerrero, Prado , Reynosa, Thusu

8.3. SUBJECT

Stop Warrant Analysis for Various Intersections (JW)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to receive informational report on traffic warrant analysis prepared for various intersections, and take the following action:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-07 authorizing the installation of stop signs at the intersection of Tulare Street and Uruapan Drive.

City Engineer Watts reported that a traffic analysis was conducted at five intersections to determine whether a stop or traffic control measures were necessary. Watts reported the analysis determined that a multi-way stop sign was necessary at the intersection of Tulare Street and Uruapan Drive.

Council Member Launer requested that staff contact the Baptist Church to reduce their bushes to allow for better visibility.

A motion was made by Council Member Prado , second by Vice Mayor Nerio-Guerrero, to adopt Resolution No. 2024-07 authorizing the installation of stop signs at the intersection of Tulare Street and Uruapan Drive.

Ayes: Launer, Nerio-Guerrero, Prado , Reynosa, Thusu

9. MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Thusu reported he will be attending the Revenue Taxation meeting on March 21st. Thusu shared that he is part of the National League of Cities, The Small Cities Council, and the Finance Committee for the TCRTA. Thusu advised that Dial a Ride will be available as of April 1st, through an app. Thusu shared that he participated and read to students at Wilson Elementary School.

Council Member Launer reported attending the EDC reception with Vice Mayor Nerio-Guerrero. Launer reported that she is currently in Sacramento for Valley Voice. Launer will participate in the Brew's event and will be traveling to Burbank next week.

Council Member Prado reported that the boy's High School Basketball team won the Valley Championship. Prado thanked Director Hurtado for a great Basketball season. Prado asked if anyone was available to attend the Economic Development Meeting in his place. Prado congratulated Fire Chief Chastain on his promotion.

Vice Mayor Nero-Guerrero reported attending the Women's Empowerment luncheon and the Parks and Recreation Basketball game. Nerio-Guerrero congratulated Chief Chastain on his promotion.

Mayor Reynosa reported attending the Korean Independent Movement Celebration and the LAFCO meeting.

10. CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Patlan reported attending the Economic Development Summit where there was a presentation on the local, state, and federal economy. Patlan will forward the presentation link. Patlan reported that Fire Chief Chastain is now the permanent Fire Chief and that Steve Barron is back from leave. Patlan reported that Congress passed the budget and funding was approved for the Sierra Way Sewer Project.

11. CITY STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Assistant City Manager James reported that the Alta Historical Society and the Lions Club events are upcoming and reminded staff that the Women's Club event is this weekend.

Administrative Services Director Solis shared that the budget process is in progress.

City Attorney Lew reported that he is working with staff on various issues.

Public Works Director Avila reminded Council that the Spring Clean-up is scheduled for March 23rd. Avila will be conducting final interviews for Administrative Assistant this Thursday.

City Engineer Watts shared that road striping work is being completed overnight. Watts reported that Monte Bella Phase II is moving fast and that the Fire training facility and the Viscaya project are soon going out to bid.

Director Hurtado reported that she attended a CPRS Conference and made good connections. Hurtado shared that the BBQ Fest is this Saturday.

Fire Chief Chastain reported that his department has opened an internal recruitment for Fire Captain. Chastain shared that firefighters will attend the Reedley College Job Fair, Lincoln School Career Day and Fire staff participated in Kid's Day.

Police Chief Iriarte reported that two new police officers will start this Sunday. Iriarte reported that staff will attend the Fresno State Career Fair, the Reedley College Job Fair, and other community events. Iriarte reported that the Community Volunteers participated in Kid's Day.

12. CLOSED SESSION

12.1. Conference with Labor Negotiators (MA)

Pursuant to GC Subdivision 54957.6; Agency designated representatives: Maria Alaniz; Karina Solis; Luis Patlan; Daniel James

Employee Organizations: City Employees Association; Firefighters Association; and Police Association

The item was continued to the next Council meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Reynosa adjourned the meeting at 7:29 pm.